

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☒

Property Name: Bowman Property Inventory Number: WA-V-209
Address: Shanktown Road Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no
City: Big Pool vicinity Zip Code: 21711 County: Washington
USGS Quadrangle(s): Hedgesville
Property Owner: State of Maryland's Department of Natural Resources Tax Account ID Number: 014415
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 173 Tax Map Number: 45
Project: DNR Historic Documentation for Razings Agency: Department of Natural Resources
Agency Prepared By: Historic Preservation Consultant
Preparer's Name: Catherine Masek Date Prepared: 1/30/2009
Documentation is presented in: MIHP form for Bowman property, 1979 by Paula Stoner and MIHP form for Bowman property, 2009, by Catherine Adams Masek.
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ☐ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes Listed: ☐ yes
Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Bowman property does not appear to meet the standards for eligibility for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

Criterion A:

There is currently no evidence that this building is associated with an important trend or event in history, as required of Criterion A. The house, while associated with the economic prosperity of this region in the late 19th -early 20th century, has no specific associations with a person or industry. The name of the first builder/ occupant could not be ascertained, but may have been associated with the construction during this time of the Western Maryland Railway. A complete deed search, included in the 2009 MIHP form, revealed three possibilities as the builder- Sprecher, Leasure or Reel, who were the successive owners 1910-1934. After extensive research and oral history, none of these names proved significant / outstanding or to have made impact upon local history. There is no significance within the context of agriculture. The land was filled with outcroppings, and therefore poor, agriculturally.

Criterion B:

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Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

MHT Comments:

Jonathan Page
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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Reviewer, National Register Program

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There are no persons of significance associated with this site, as required of Criterion B. The three possible builders, Sprecher, Leasure and Reel, are not known to have made significant impact upon the community. No subsequent owner is known to have made impact upon the community or the region.

Criterion C:

The Bowman property is in its original location, on its original foundation, with its massing, interior stair, and most of its floor plan intact. Above foundation level, however, there have been significant changes. Exterior doors, kitchen and bath appear to date to the mid 20th century. Exterior asbestos shingle was applied in the mid 20th century covering original German siding on both house and workshop/ shed. The original two over two double hung windows were replaced, after 1979, with six over six double hung sash, and aluminum screen/ storm sash. A rear 20th century two story addition of unknown size and design existed and was razed prior to this study. Because of this addition, exterior (reused interior) first and second floor doors exist, if off center, on the rear façade. After 1979, a wood entry porch was built on the east façade, as well as an exposed brick fireplace construction and window/ wall enclosure in the north porch. One outbuilding, a workshop, appears to date to the early 20th century, with late 20th century siding, window and door alterations. As the result of such alteration, architectural integrity has been lost. The present dwelling does not possess sufficient integrity to illustrate the distinctive characteristics of type, period or method of construction as required of Criterion C.

In conclusion, there is insufficient evidence to consider the Bowman property eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

MHT Comments:

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Date

Reviewer, National Register Program

Date

CAPSULE SUMMARY

Bowman property

MIHP #WA-V-209

Shanktown Road

Big Pool vicinity, Washington County

c. 1910-1934

Public- within the Fort Frederick State Park

The Bowman property is located on the eastern boundary of the Fort Frederick State Park in southwestern Washington County. The house is located on the narrow paved Shanktown Road, which is the eastern border of the park. A largely agricultural and rural area, the property is approximately five miles southeast of the town of Big Pool and less than one mile from the publicly accessible 18th century stone walled Fort Frederick. Approaching the property from MD Rte 56, one turns south onto the narrow, paved, straight Shanktown Road. Topographically, this hilly area slopes west to the forested Fort Frederick State Park and south to the Potomac River. The road dead ends at the river, after crossing the Western Maryland Railroad (now CSX) and the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal. It drops sharply in elevation, after crossing the railroad, towards the level of the canal and river. The house is located about ¼ mile from the intersection of MD 56 & Shanktown Road, approximately 100 yards north of the railroad and less than 25 feet west of Shanktown Road. The state's last tenants vacated the house in 2005.

The two storied, gable roofed, three bay house, with end chimneys, built c. 1910-1934, faces Shanktown Road and is in fair condition. Walls are of German siding covered by asbestos shingle and roofing is of corrugated sheet metal. There is a full height fieldstone basement beneath the southern 2/3 of the building. Small open entry porches exist on the east and south facade. There is evidence of a west two story addition having been removed. A one story shed roofed workshop/ shed with fieldstone/concrete foundation and German siding stands approximately 35 feet south of the house also facing Shanktown Road and is in fair condition. Originally simple in design, the massing, original location, foundation, interior stair, and much of the interior plan of the house remains intact. The following alterations were made to the house in the mid- late 20th century: application of exterior shingle to both house and shed, replacement of original two over two double hung sash windows with six over six wood double hung sash windows and aluminum storm/ screen sash, exterior door replacement, wood entry porch on east façade, kitchen and bath renovation, exposed brick fireplace construction and window/ wall enclosure of north porch.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Bowman Property

2. Location

street and number 10842 Shanktown Road not for publication

city, town Big Pool vicinity

county Washington

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name State of Maryland's Department of Natural Resources

street and number 580 Taylor Avenue telephone 410-260-8932

city, town Annapolis state MD zip code 21401

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington County Courthouse liber VJB 556 folio 689

city, town Hagerstown tax map 45 tax parcel 173 tax ID number 014415

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
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<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structures
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		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
		<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	1

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Summary:

The Bowman property is located on Shanktown Road in Washington County, about ¼ mile south of the intersection of MD Rte 56 and Shanktown Road. Land on the west side of this road is State owned and contained within the Fort Frederick State Park, while that on the east side is privately owned. The property is less than a mile southeast of the 18th century stone walled Ft. Frederick and four to five miles southeast of the village of Big Pool.

The two story gable roofed three bay house, facing Shanktown Road, is built partially on concrete and partially on fieldstone foundation, with walls of German siding covered by asbestos shingles. There is a full height basement beneath the southern 2/3 of the house. A concrete enclosed hipped roof porch is attached to the north end of the house. A small pressure treated 20th century wood open porch is attached to the south façade of the house. There is evidence of a west two story addition having been removed. A one story shed roofed workshop with fieldstone foundation and German siding stands approximately 35 feet south of the house also facing Shanktown Road. There are no other outbuildings. Currently in fair condition, the house was altered in the mid- late 20th century. These changes included: application of exterior shingle to both house and shed, replacement of original windows with six over six wood double hung sash windows with aluminum storm/ screen sash, exterior door replacement, wood entry porch on east façade, kitchen and bath renovation, exposed brick fireplace construction and window/ wall enclosure of north porch. The house has been vacant since 2005. For security reasons, all first floor doors and windows are covered with wood panels, as well as front façade second floor windows.

Comprehensive Description:

The simple three bay house on the Bowman property was built c. 1910-34, approximately twenty five feet west of the narrow paved Shanktown Road, which dead ends at the Potomac River. MD Rte 56 parallels the winding Potomac River, as does the Western Maryland Railway (now CSX). Shanktown Road crosses this railway en route to the river. The terrain descends gradually, as the narrow paved road approaches the railway. It drops sharply afterwards towards the level of the river. Located between the railroad and the Potomac River is the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal. On the 82.41 acre Bowman parcel, the terrain also slopes away from the house, west towards the forested parklands. The gable roof, of corrugated sheet metal, extends beyond the end walls. There are metal gutters and downspouts. There is an interior chimney at the south gable end and a larger exterior chimney on the north wall.

The front (east) façade has three bays. On the first floor, there is a six over six double hung sash window on either side of a center bay. In the center is a 6 panel, wood door, which is topped by a narrow two -paned glass transom. There are three six over six double hung windows on the second floor, aligned with first floor bays. A photograph in the 1979 MIHP form show two over two double hung sash, (rather than the current six over six). Those window configurations no longer exist. All of the windows in the house are six over six double hung with aluminum screen/storm sash. Additionally, the photograph shows fluted trim at the front entry, which is no longer evident. And finally, a small modern front porch has been added to the front entry since the 1979 photograph.

On the south gable façade there a first floor entry and a basement level entry. The basement level entry, installed 2001, contains four concrete steps surmounted by two wood doors. The first floor open wood entry porch has a hipped roof and it leads to a wood door in the left bay, which door has four divided lights over three horizontal panels. In the second or right first floor bay is a window. The window sash configuration has

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again been altered from two over two to six over six double hung sash. A small louvered wood window and deep overhanging eaves are evident at the attic level on the south façade.

The grade drops significantly between the east and the west facades. While no basement level is visible on the east façade, there is a half basement level evident above grade on the west façade. There are three bays on the rear (west) façade. The two end bays have six over six double hung sash, again with aluminum storm/ sash, while doorways occupy the center bays on first and second floors. Both doors are off center and originally entered a rear addition, demolished in the mid 20th century. In the first floor doorway is a four panel wood door, similar to other interior original doors, while the second floor door is a later wood door with five horizontal panels. A small modern square wood porch currently exists at first floor level on the west façade.

On the north gable façade there is an enclosed porch, exterior brick chimney and two second floor windows. The first floor hip roofed porch was enclosed with floor to ceiling glass windows and a center door when surveyed in 1979, but this feature may have been originally an open walled porch. Additions since 1979 include a six over six pane double hung sash window in the east and west facade of the porch and a free standing exposed brick fireplace with raised hearth inside the porch. A six over six paned double hung sash window flanks each side of the exterior brick chimney at second floor level on the north façade.

There is a full height fieldstone basement beneath two thirds of the house. The basement is accessed via the south façade exterior wood entrance doors and concrete steps, which were constructed c. 2001, replacing earlier exterior doors. Sawn wood joists in a north to south direction are supported on rounded tree trunk -like members, several with exterior bark. These posts rest on concrete pillars and are scattered across the dirt floor. One rectangular glass basement window is located on the south wall. A furnace, installed 1998, and hot water heater, installed 1995, are located partially beneath the staircase and partially beneath the living room. The fieldstone full height basement ends immediately north of the furnace, where bedrock is evident.

Entering the house via the main entry on the front (east) façade, one steps into a small entry foyer with stair immediately west. A doorway leads south to the dining room and then west to the kitchen. A chimney flue rises in the kitchen amidst mid and late century cabinetry. This brick flue is collapsing into the kitchen. The east wall of the kitchen is poor condition. The south exterior door enters the kitchen near this enclosed flue. At the north side of the kitchen, there is a closet beneath the stair accessed via a four panel door. North of the kitchen and accessed via a four panel door beside the staircase is the living room. This room runs the width of the house east to west on the north side of the staircase. A classical revival styled mantel in the living room is located on the north wall. Modern brick is located in the firebox and the fireplace appears unused and rebuilt. A boxed I-beam is located in the ceiling of the living room running north to south. It is unclear whether this was an original room dividing wall location or later addition when north chimney was reconstructed. The modern exposed brick fireplace in the enclosed north porch has a raised hearth. The north wall of the enclosed north porch shows evidence of water infiltration. Baseboard in the living room and dining room appear original, and taller than baseboard in the kitchen. There is no chairrail or cornice on the interior. Circular decorative metal floor heat registers are located in each room. Wall to wall carpeting or linoleum sheet flooring covers wood floors.

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A narrow enclosed staircase rises to the second floor in the center of the gable roofed house. A square newel post and simple rectangular balusters create the second floor stair balustrade. At the top of the stairs on the south wall is the five panel door that entered the rear addition, now removed. Doors with four vertical panels exist, otherwise, throughout the interior. Door surrounds are flat and simple. A stairhall consumes the central third of the second floor, from which a bathroom and three bedrooms are accessed. A modern bathroom exists in the southwest corner. A large modern closet has been added the south wall of the northwest bedroom. A door to the attic staircase is accessed via the north end of the stairhall. The attic stair, encased in yellow batt insulation, rises to an unfinished attic space. Water infiltration is evident in the attic around the south chimney. Wall to wall carpeting exists throughout the second floor.

There is no evidence of vandalism on the interior and the building appears to be in fair condition overall. Existing and current indows and doors are intact, if deteriorating. The roofing and foundation materials are in need of repair. Vegetation is growing into and around the front soffit and second floor front window.

There is one outbuilding, which is a shed roofed one story two bay structure, located approximately 35' south of the main house. Built on a fieldstone foundation, topped by cement block, the walls are of German siding covered by asphalt shingle. The west sloping roof is of corrugated sheet metal. Windows are six over six double hung sash and one over one sash. The six panel door at the main entry on the east façade is a c. 2000 replacement. The interior appears to have been used as a workshop, with cabinetry and tools mounted on walls, evidenced by shadows and tool marks that remain. Flooring is tongue and groove wood under vinyl sheet flooring. There is baseboard on the interior and plaster walls, as well as wallboard on the ceiling.

Between the workshop and the house is an unimproved parking area. To the rear of the workshop is a vegetable garden. To the rear of the house is the septic field, which extends to the lowest point, topographically, on the property. North of the house is located the well and a man made pond. An earlier well location, per the 1979 MIHP form, was the southeast corner of the house. A wooded area extends in a north south direction, paralleling Shanktown Road, beyond the septic field. Grasses on the property are at least three feet in height, shrubbery is untended and overhanging trees are in need of trimming.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
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	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates c. 1910-1934

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Summary:

The Bowman Property, built c. 1910-1934, still reflects its early 20th century construction and design in its massing and location. Built within 100 yards of the expanding Western Maryland Railroad and the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, and less than five miles from the railroad station at Big Pool, the property's earliest occupants may have been associated with the Western Maryland Railway. The 82.41 acre parcel was privately owned until 1973, when it was acquired by the State of Maryland's Department of Natural Resources.

Narrative:

Historically, the Big Pool area is best known for the stone walled Fort Fredrick, built 1756 to protect English settlers from French and their Indian allies. Descendants of some the 18th century settlers still resided in the area in 1865, when Simon Martenet's map for Washington County was published. Lancelot Jacques, for example, a French Huguenot settler, who built the Green Spring (iron) Furnace, which made cannons during the Revolutionary War, had nephews who carried on his name. (Betsy Mellott, written notes, 12/08) See photocopy of 1865 map attached herein. In 1839, when the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal arrived in the area, Ernstville was founded. The town was named for a local merchant, William Ernst, who built a store and post office there in 1879. There was a ferry that operated between Ernstville and Cherry Run, West Virginia, several schools and a population of approximately 150 in the 1880's. See photocopy of ferry. The Shank family, who had settled in the area south and east of Ft. Frederick, was numerous by the late 19th century. Chester, Daniel and Garrett Shank were noted landholders and the crossroads of Shanktown named for the family, is located one half mile east of Ft. Frederick. A church and school were erected at Shanktown by 1868 and a "colored" school by 1876. See photocopy of school. (Mellott, 12/08) Big Pool area was bustling in the late 19th century with the construction of the Western Maryland Railroad. A hotel, ice house and store were constructed in 1891 by the enterprising Harry Bester, between the railroad tracks and the canal. In this way, Bester was prepared to accommodate the railroad workers in his hotel, provide them tools and supplies, as well as ice for the refrigerated cars. See photocopy of icehouse. (Mellott, 12/08) Railroad bridges across the canal and the Potomac River linked it to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in West Virginia. From 1904-1906, the Western Maryland Railroad was extended to Cumberland, where it ended. See photocopy of image entitled "Fort Frederick Celebrates 250th Anniversary," which identifies railroad, canal, bridges and towns discussed above.

During this late 19th- early 20th century period, the construction and expansion associated with the Western Maryland Railway helped to create the "Boomtown" of Big Pool. Many men were employed to build and maintain the railroad. New construction in the town included: a telegraph office, freight station, passenger shed, coal tipple, two saloons (still standing), one two room school for grades 1-8 (now converted to community center), churches, houses, and a barber shop. A barber named Bruce Hoover, whose shop was

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located in the back of a store in Big Pool, also delivered the mail bags to the mail car on the passenger train, when it arrived in Big Pool. Longtime residents of the area recollected as follows: "If you were in the barber chair and the train pulled into town, you had to wait until he was done with the mail." (Mellott notes, 12/08) Mail was delivered by horse and buggy. See photocopy of mail carrier. I.N. Spielman erected a 17 room hotel in 1918, and store in 1923, tomato canning factory in 1934 and contributed to the construction of St. Paul's third church. An active YMCA was constructed between the canal and the railroad, which sponsored parties, swimming, 4-H groups, Camp Fire Girls and Christian groups. Many local farmers and merchants utilized the railroad to carry produce, supplies, coal, visitors and freight to and from other stations along the route. The railroad played in integral part in the community of Big Pool and its surrounding area. (Mellott, 12/08)

It was during this time of economic prosperity that Lancelot and Hannah Shank conveyed 66 acres (Bowman property) to John and Ida Sprecher on Shanktown Road. Lancelot Shank had adjacent lands and was established in the area by 1860-70. He would not have built the house or lived at the Bowman property, since his lands and residence were adjacent. In 1910, he and his wife conveyed to the Sprechers "'part of 'Kindness Enlarged' and part of 'Sky Thorn,' contiguous parcels on the public road leading from the Old Fort Frederick Station to the Green Spring Valley Furnace Road.'" (Deed, Liber 153, Folio 79) Mildred Sprecher, widow, conveyed these same 66 acres to Elijah Leasure in 1916. (Deed, Liber 153, Folio 79). Elijah and Hester Leasure conveyed these same 66 acres to Charles E. and Carrie Reel in 1919. (Deed, Liber EO156, Folio 153) In 1934, Charles E. Reel, widower, conveyed these same 66 acres to Clarence and Anna Frush, (as well as a smaller parcel in Indian Springs). (Deed, Liber 195, Folio 144) The original house on the Bowman property with two over two double hung window sash and German siding was probably erected in this early 20th century period, c. 1910-1934, and most likely occupied by persons associated with the railroad. The property changed ownership frequently and it is difficult to ascertain which owner was responsible for the construction of the house. Apparently, one of the stops on the Western Maryland Railway was Old Fort Frederick Station, referenced in the deeds above, which must have been located between Fort Frederick and Shanktown Road. There was access from the Bowman property to this station and to the railroad, less than 100 yards away. In 1942, the 66 acre property was conveyed by the Frushes to Mary E. Bester. (Deed, Liber 195, Folio 144) Bester conveyed it to Mary K. Bowman in 1963. (Deed, Liber 398, Folio 579) Bowman, widow, conveyed a larger parcel in 1973 to the State of Maryland's Department of Natural Resources. (Deed, Liber VJB 556, Folio 689) The property was leased from 1973- 2005. It has been vacant since 2005.

Architecturally, the Bowman property is a simple wood frame two story house that has been occupied and altered since the early 20th century. The building retains its gable roofed massing and window locations. Exterior doors, kitchen, bath and siding appear to date to the mid 20th century; all windows and sun room alterations post date 1979. A rear 20th century two story addition of unknown size and design existed and was razed prior to this study. Because of this addition, exterior first and second floor doors exist on the rear façade. One outbuilding, a workshop, appears to date to the early 20th century, with late 20th century window and door alterations.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Primary Sources consulted:

Hummer, Angie, Park Manager, Fort Frederick State Park, email communications, 10/08.

Mellott, Betsy, local resident, descendant of railroad associated family, interview on site 10/08, written notes & illustrations conveyed 12/08.

Sanderson, Ben, employee of Ft Frederick State Park, discussions on site 10/08.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .5 acres

Acreage of historical setting .5 acres

Quadrangle name Hedgeville Quad

Quadrangle scale: 1: 24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The eastern boundary for the Bowman property is Shanktown Road, while the southern boundary is the treeline south of the workshop/ shed. The south boundary is the forest/ wooded treeline west of the septic field and northern boundary is the treeline north of the manmade pond. The property is totally within the Fort Frederick State Park.

11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Severna Park	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Western Maryland, Vol. II. Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1968, originally published 1882.

Maryland State Archives:

Martenet, Simon. Map of Washington County, 1865.

Website<MdLandRec.Net>:

"Deed" between Mary K. Bowman, widow, and State of Maryland's Department of Natural Resources, 1973, Liber VJB 556, Folio 689.

"Deed" between Mary E. Bester, unmarried, and Mary K. Bowman, 1963, Liber 398, Folio 579.

"Deed" between Clarence A. Frush & Anna V., his wife, and Mary E. Bester, 1942, Liber EO 217, Folio 622.

"Deed" between Charles E. Reel, widower, and Clarence A. Frush & Anna V., his wife, 1934, Liber 195, Folio 144.

"Deed" between Elijah Leasure & Hester C., his wife, and Charles E. Reel & Carrie, his wife, 1919, Liber EO 156, Folio 153.

"Deed" between Mildred Sprecher, widow, Elsie N. Sprecher, Mary C. French & Elmer A. French and Elijah Leasure, 1916, Liber 153, Folio 79.

"Deed" between Lancelot Shank & Hannah, his wife, and John L. Sprecher, 1910, referenced in Liber 153, Folio 79.

MIHP forms for the following:

Fort Frederick State Park NHL/ MIHP form, 1979, by Paula Stoner.

Bowman property, 1979, by Paula Stoner.

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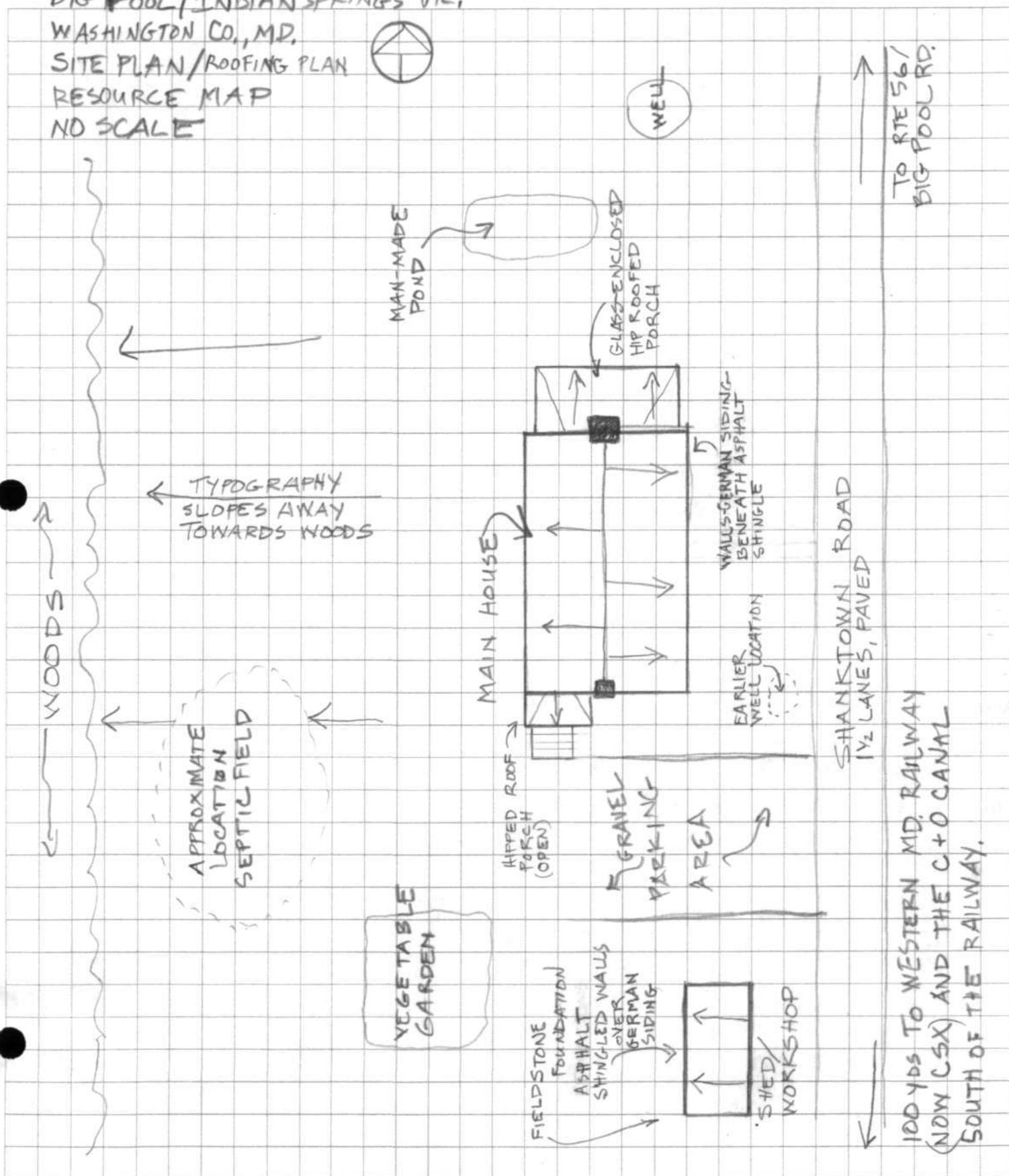
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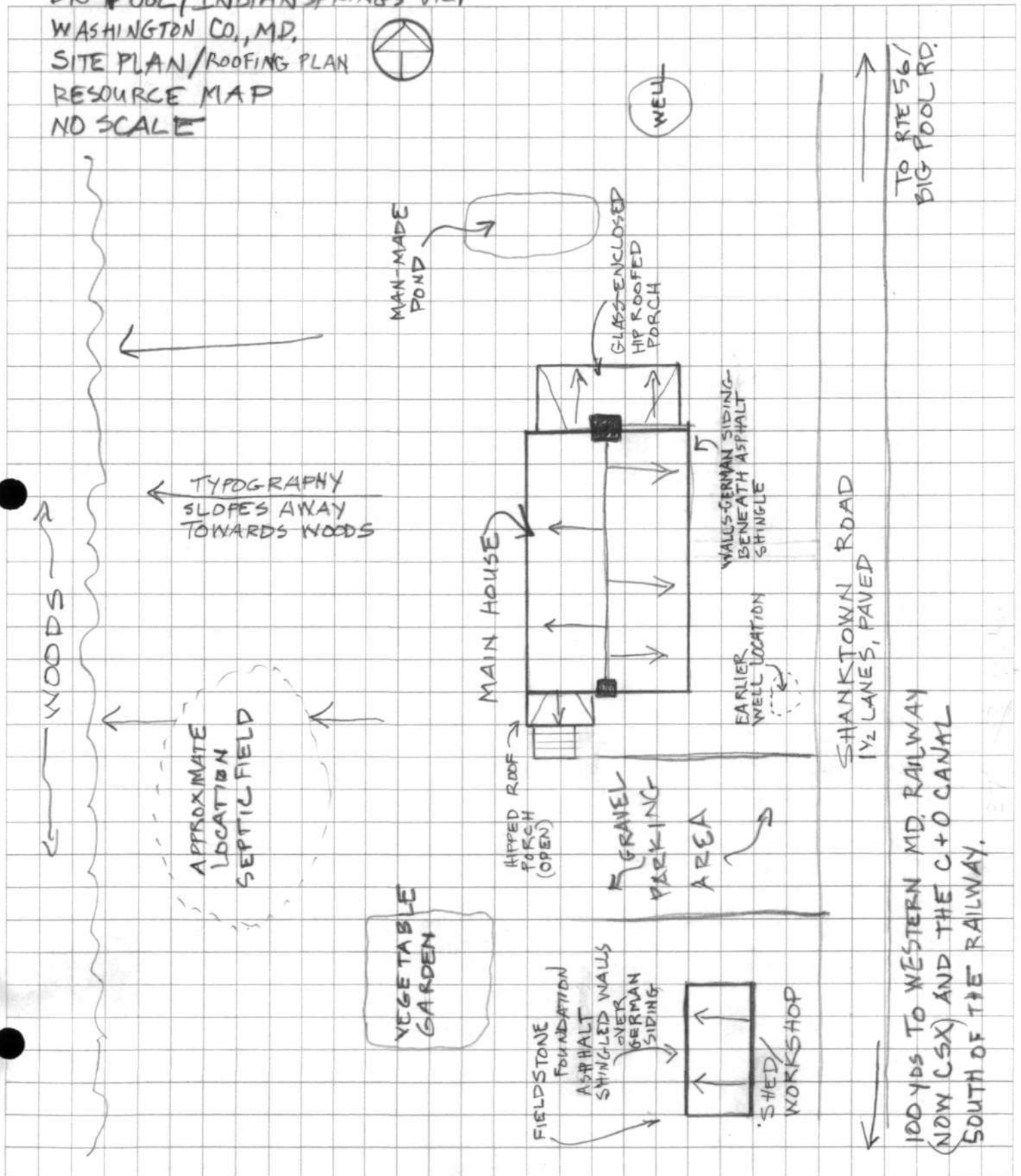
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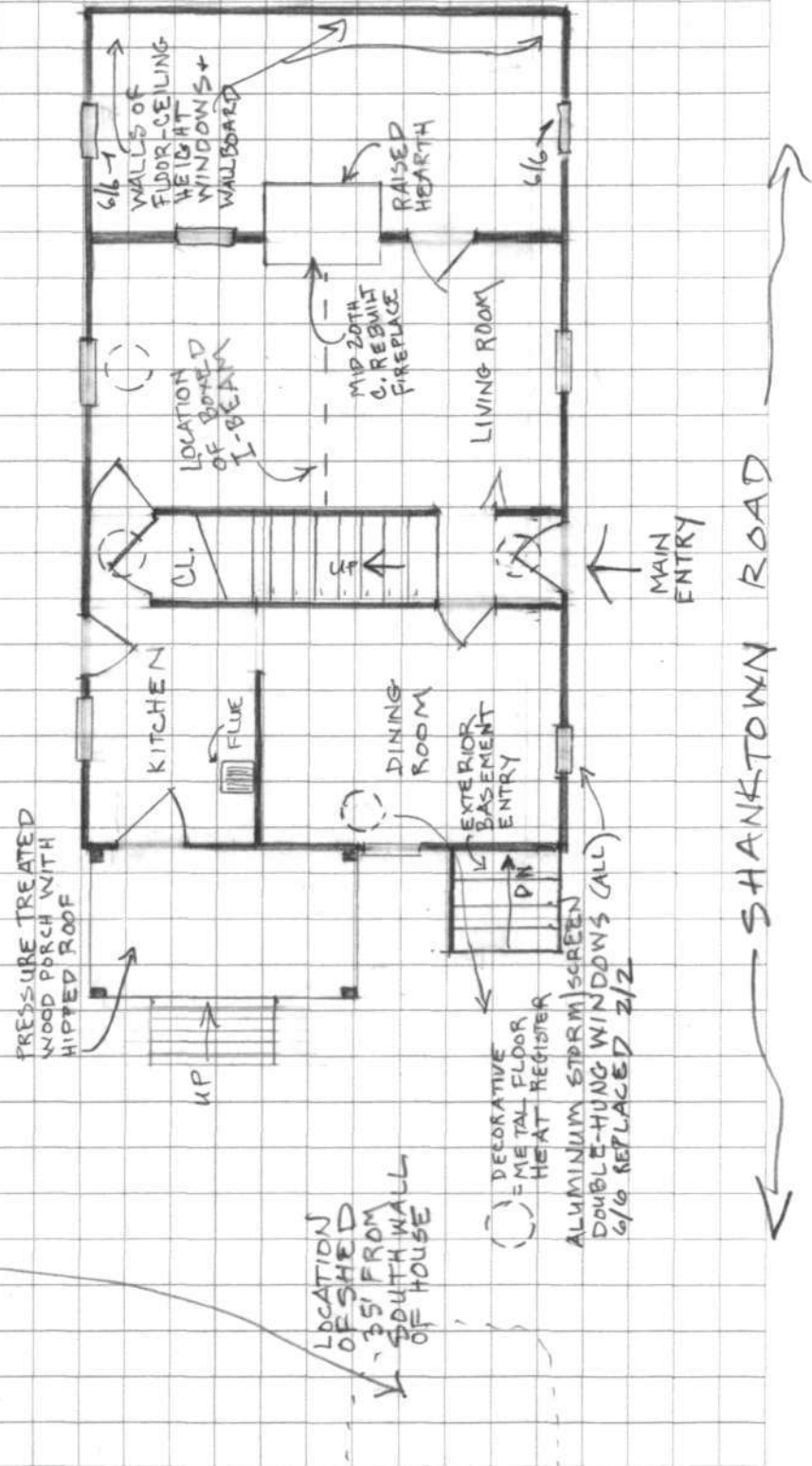
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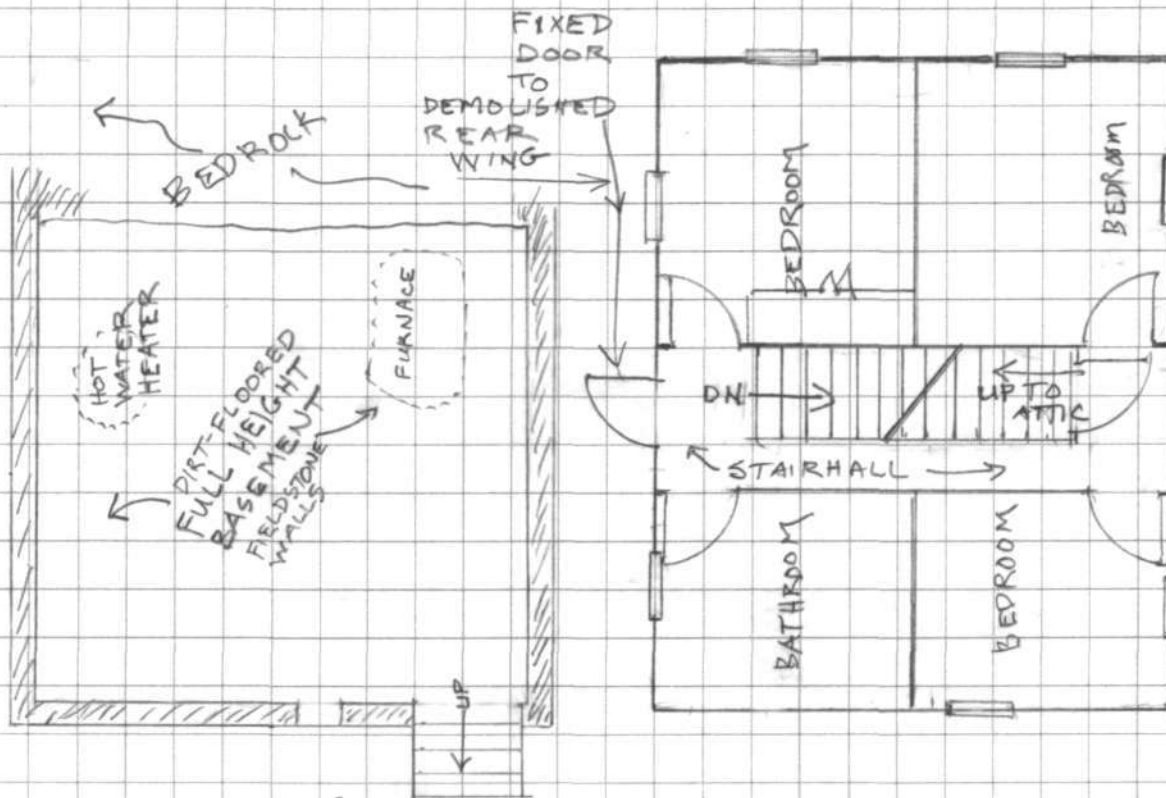
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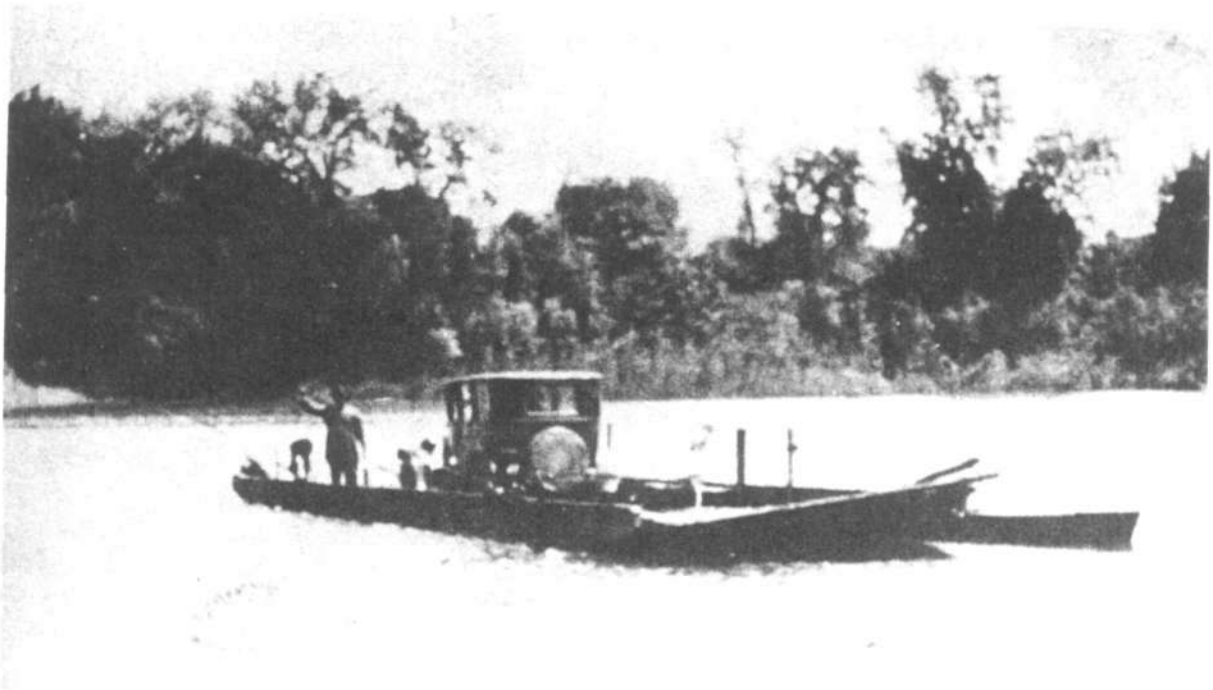
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ERNESTVILLE, MD -CHERRY RUN, WVA FERRY
PHOTOCOPY COURTESY BETSY MELLOTT, FT. FREDERICK STATE PARK

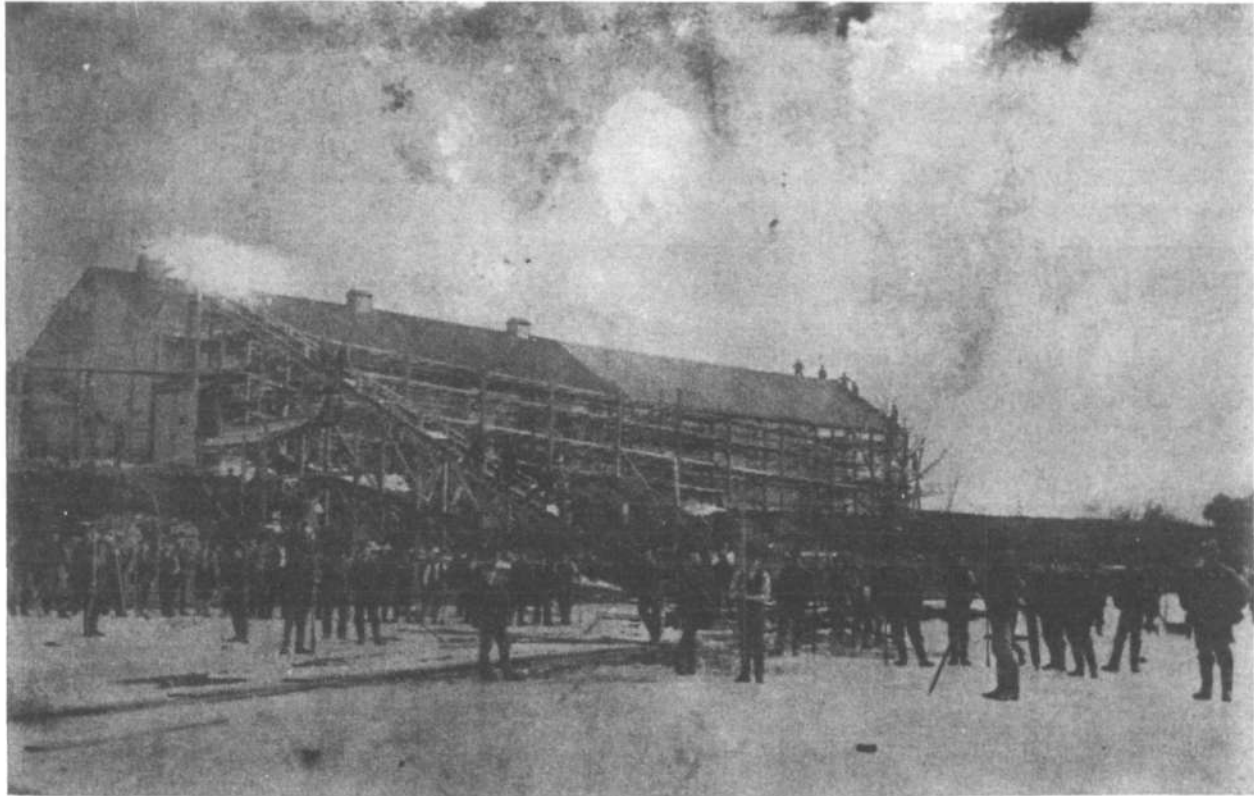


The Ernstville - Cherry Run Ferry. (Photo Courtesy of J. C. White)



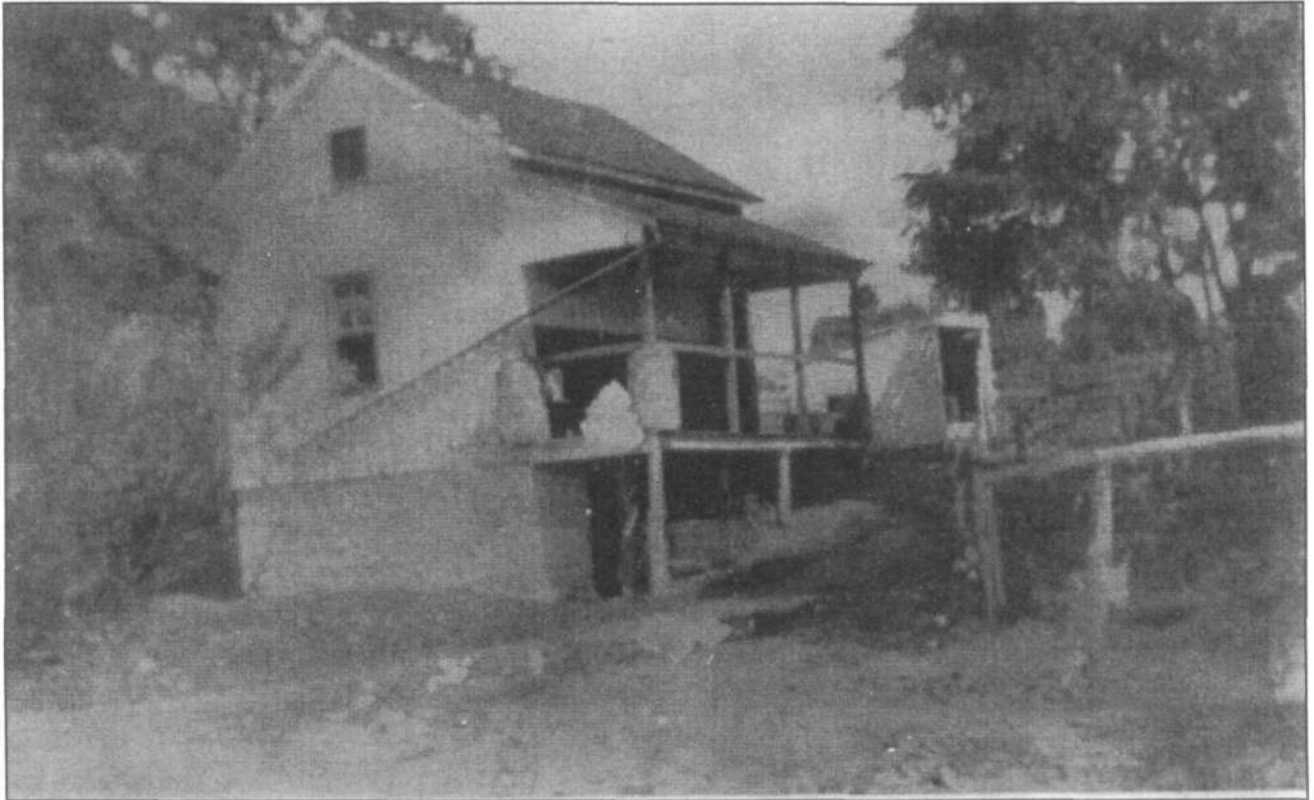
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BIG POOL, WASHINGTON CO.- ICE HOUSE BUILT C. 1891 FOR THE WESTERN MARYLAND RAILWAY, COURTESY BETSY MELLOTT, FT. FREDERICK STATE PARK



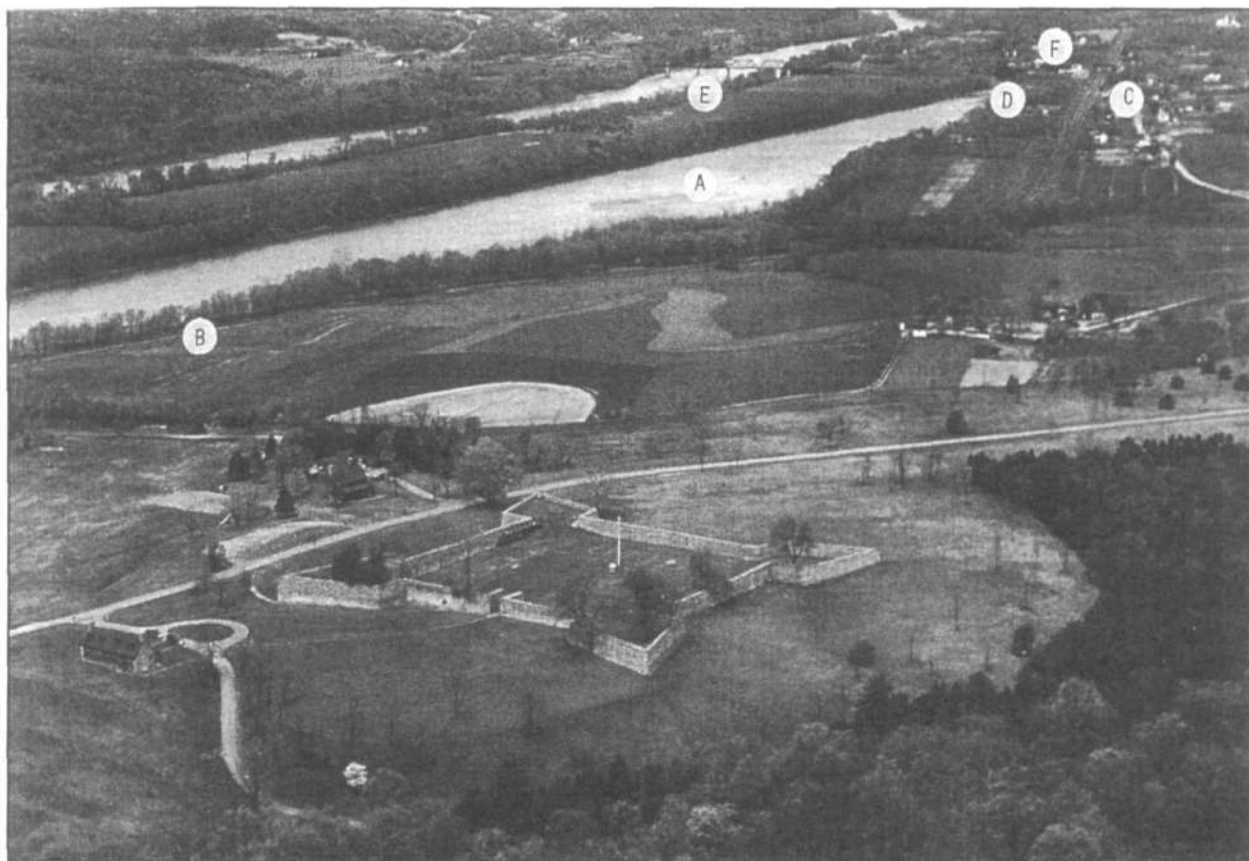
Big Pool Ice House. Trains would get ice here for "refrigerated" box cars. (Photo Courtesy of Edgar Sponseller)

SALOON AT BIG POOL, WASHINGTON COUNTY, UNDATED PHOTO
PHOTOCOPY COURTESY BETSY MELLOTT, FT. FREDERICK STATE PARK



Tice's Saloon, located in Big Pool, was a popular spot for thirsty C and O Canal travelers.

BIG POOL, WASHINGTON CO.- AERIAL VIEW SHOWING FT. FREDERICK,
BIG POOL, WESTERN MARYLAND RAILWAY, AND ERNESTVILLE
PHOTOCOPY COURTESY BETSY MELLOTT, FT. FREDERICK STATE PARK



Fort Frederick Celebrates 250th Anniversary

In 1756 Governor Horatio Sharpe built Fort Frederick to protect English settlers during the French and Indian War. The fort is pictured in the foreground of the above 1955 photo.

The body of water (A) beyond the fort is the "big pool," a 1 1/2-mile long lake created by engineers during the construction of the C & O Canal through the area in 1839.

Western Maryland Railway tracks (B) can be

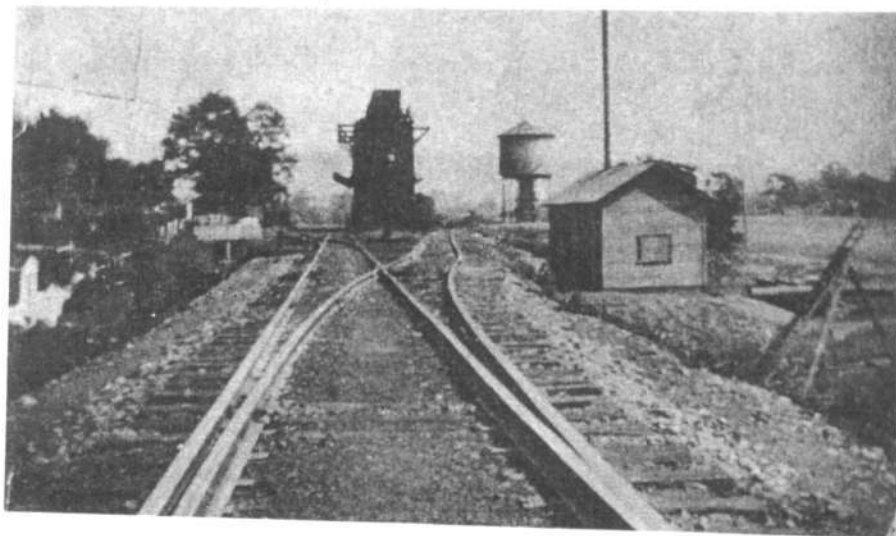
seen following the pool as it proceeds through the town of Big Pool (C).

The WM built a bridge (D) at the head of the pool to span the canal and a bridge (E) across the Potomac River to Cherry Run, WV, about 1.31 miles from Big Pool.

The town of Ernstville (F) lies to the left of the WM tracks as they head toward Cumberland. (Courtesy Mildred Hamby)

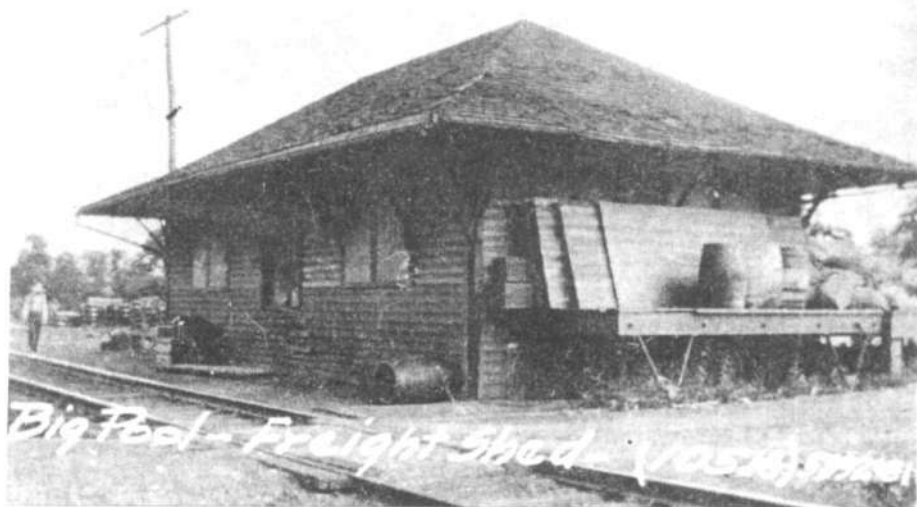
BIG POOL, WASHINGTON CO.- FREIGHT SHED, COAL TIPPLE
PHOTOCOPY COURTESY BETSY MELLOTT, FT. FREDERICK STATE PARK

View of Big Pool coal
tipple from other side.
(Photo loaned by Mrs.
Ethel Bachtell)



Building the new track
at Big Pool. (Photo
loaned by the WMRR
Museum)

Big Pool freight shed.
(Photo loaned by the
WMRR Museum)

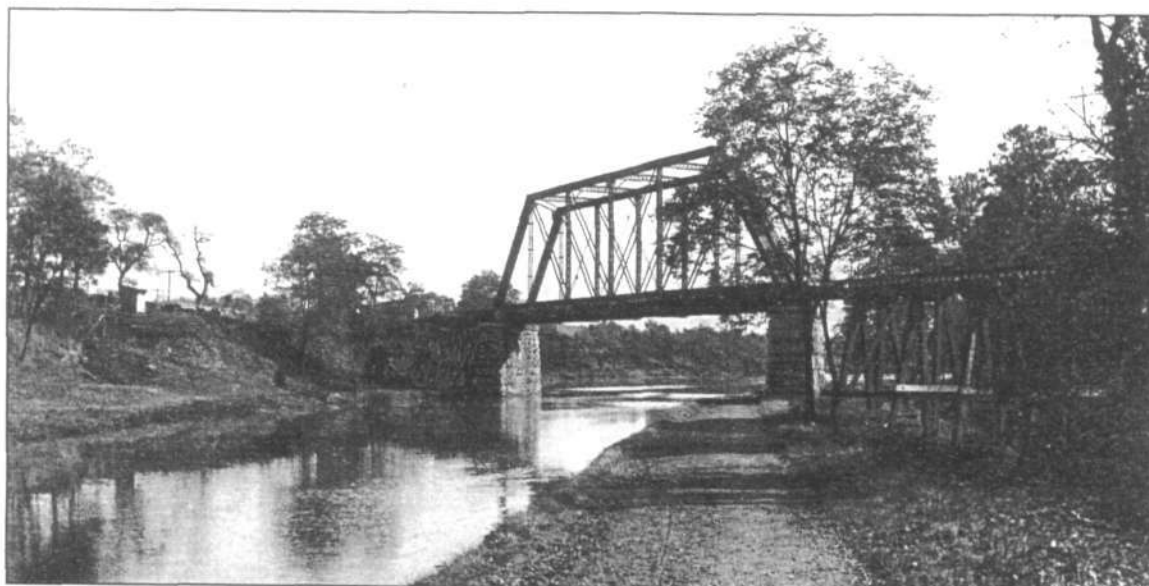


BIG POOL, WASHINGTON CO.- AERIAL VIEW OF BIG POOL AREA AND RAILWAY
BRIDGE OVER POOL, COURTESY BETSY MELLOTT, FT. FREDERICK STATE PARK



In the aerial photo above the 1 1/2-mile long big pool used by the C & O Canal is seen at the right while the Potomac River is pictured on the left. The towpath was located on the west side of the pool toward the river.

The railroad bridge can be seen crossing the Potomac in the background, and Western Maryland tracks are pictured at the right leading into the town of Big Pool at the head of the pool. (Courtesy Mildred Hamby)



Pictured above is the Western Maryland Railway bridge at the head of Big Pool in this 1920 photo. The bridge spanned the C & O Canal and helped link the WM to Cherry Run, WV. (Courtesy James Perry)

BIG POOL- EARLY TWENTIETH IMAGES OF HOTEL AND STORE
PHOTOCOPIES COURTESY BETSY MELLOTT, FT. FREDERICK STATE PARK



The Big Pool Hotel built by Isaac Newton Spielman in 1918 is pictured above. Located on Tedrick Drive across from the former Big Pool School, the building is now a private residence. (Courtesy Maryland Cracker Barrel)



Side of store facing the hotel.

In 1923 I. N. Newton opened a store (above) in Big Pool that served the town until it closed in 1935. The building, which is still standing, is located across from the old Big Pool School. (Courtesy Maryland Cracker Barrel)

BIG POOL- EARLY TWENTIETH IMAGES OF POST OFFICE AND MAIL DELIVERY
PHOTOCOPIES COURTESY BETSY MELLOTT, FT. FREDERICK STATE PARK



Post Office beside
Funkhouser's Store.
(Photo loaned by Mrs.
Ethel Bachtell)



Postmaster George Brewer
standing beside his mail carrier,
Frank Zimmerman, Sr. This is
the horse and buggy used for
delivering the mail. (Photo
loaned by Mrs. Ethel Bachtell)

BIG POOL, WASHINGTON CO.- STORE BUILT C. 1900
PHOTOCOPY COURTESY BETSY MELLOTT, FT. FREDERICK STATE PARK



In 1892 the Western Maryland Railway arrived in Big Pool to link up with the B & O Railroad across the Potomac River in nearby Cherry Run, WV. Around 1900 a store (above) was built in Big Pool to accommodate growth brought about by the arrival of the railroad. To the left

of the store is one of the post offices that served the community over the years. The store served the area until it was retired by the railroad in 1957. A company house where 74-year-old James Farmer spent his early years is seen at the right. (Courtesy Floyd Benfield)

SHANKTOWN'S 1876 "COLORED" SCHOOL, DISCONTINUED USE 1909,
CURRENTLY USED AS RESIDENCE
PHOTOCOPY COURTESY BETSY MELLOTT, FT. FREDERICK STATE PARK



The school as it now appears.

Hedgesville Quad

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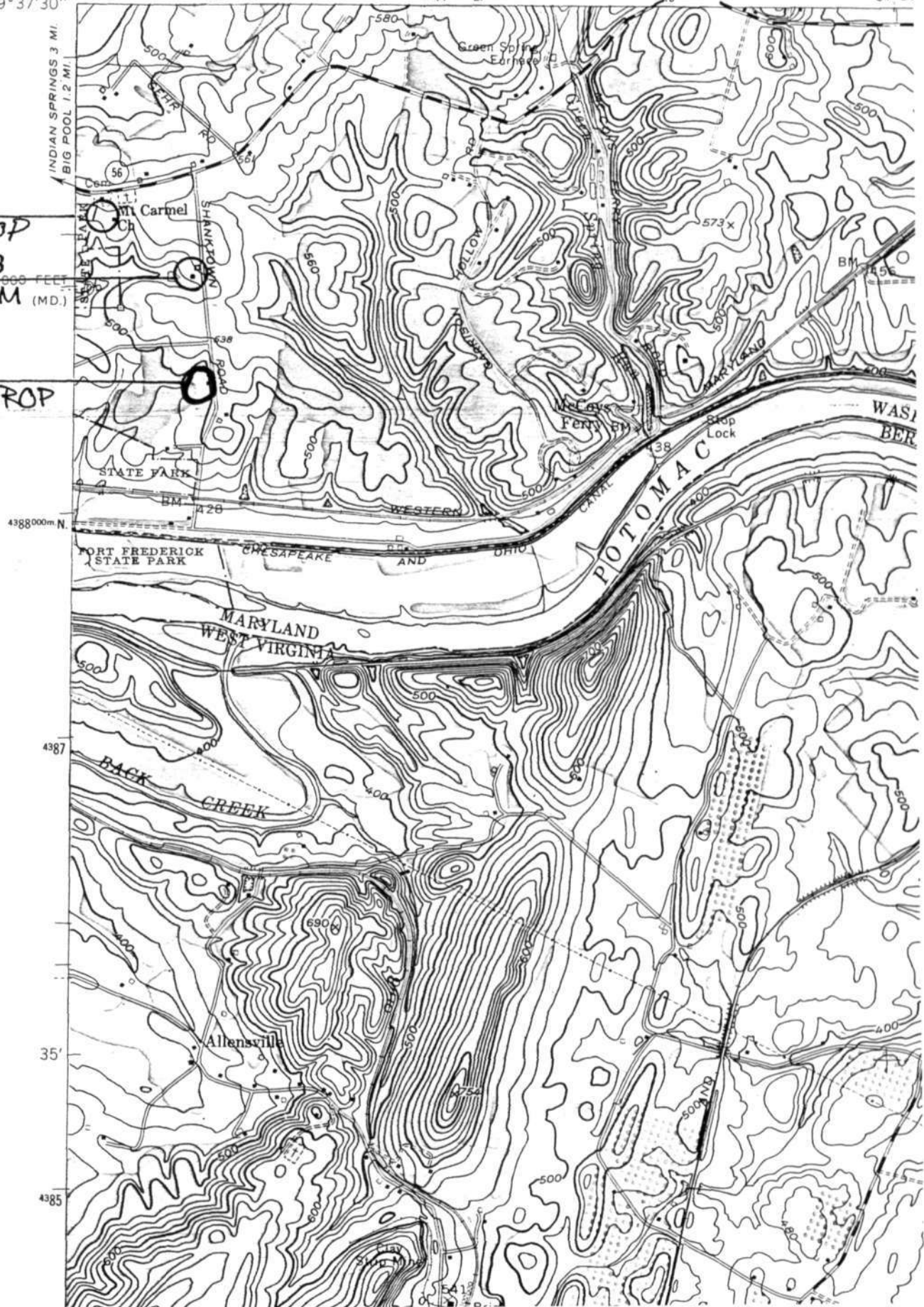
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BOWMAN PROPERTY

FT. FREDERICK S.P.

SHANKTOWN RD

BIG POOL/INDIAN SPRINGS VICINITY

WASHINGTON COUNTY

VIEW SOUTH/SETTING

C.A. MASEK 10/08

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MD SHPO



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BOWMAN PROPERTY

SHANKTOWN RD.

BIG POOL VIC., WASHINGTON CO.

FT. FREDERICK SP

FRONT(EAST) FACADE

10/08

MDSHPO

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BOWMAN PROPERTY

SHANKTOWN RD., FT. FREDERICK S.P.

BIG POOL INDIAN SPRINGS VICINITY

WASHINGTON COUNTY

SOUTH FACADE

10/08

MID SHPO

C.A. MASEK

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BOWMAN PROPERTY

SHANKTOWN RD,

FT. FREDERICK S.P.

BIG POOL (INDIAN SPRINGS VICINITY

WASHINGTON COUNTY

REAR (WEST) FACADE

10/08

MD SHPO

C.A. MASEK

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WA-II-209

BOWMAN PROPERTY

FT. FREDERICK S.P.

SHANKTOWN RD.

BIG POOL/INDIAN SPRINGS VICINITY

WASHINGTON COUNTY

NORTH FACADE

10/08

MD SHPO

C.A. MASEK

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BOWMAN HOUSE
FT. FREDERICK S. P.
SHANKTOWN RD.
BIG POOL / INDIAN SPRINGS VICINITY
WASHINGTON COUNTY
INTERIOR DOOR / WINDOW - TYPICAL
10/08
MD SHPO
C. A. MASEK
60F8



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BOWMAN PROPERTY

SHANKTOWN RD.

BIG POOL VIC., WASHINGTON CO.

FT. FREDERICK S.P.

HOUSE + SHED - SOUTH FACADES

10/08

MD SH PO

C.A. MASEK

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WA-V-209

BOWMAN PROPERTY

SHANKTOWN RD.

BIG POOL VIC., WASHINGTON CO.

FT. FREDERICK S.P.

SHED - FRONT (EAST) + SIDE (NORTH) FACADES

10/08

MD SHPD

C. A. MASEK

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-VI-209
Fort Frederick St. Pl.
DNR # 21
USGS: Hedgesville Quad

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Bowman Property

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Shanktown Road

CITY, TOWN

Indian Springs vic.

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☒ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☒ OTHER: VACANT

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Towers State Office Building

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Courthouse

Liber #: 556

Folio #: 639

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington St.

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

MD 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

WA-V-209

CONDITION☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

7 This house is located on the west side of Shanktown Road at the eastern edge of Fort Frederick State Park in Washington County. It appears to date from the early 20th century. The house is a two story, three bay balloon frame structure resting on concrete sheathed foundations. Its walls are covered with asbestos shingles. Windows have two over two pane sashes with flat topped architraves having simple moldings.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the front elevation. Above the door is a narrow transom. The door architrave has fluted trim resembling pilasters supporting a shelf-like projection at the top.

The roof is of corrugated sheet metal and extends beyond the end walls of the house. Brick chimneys are located inside the end walls.

A small hipped roof porch gives access to a side entrance.

The house, although vacant, appears to be in fair to good condition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

WA-V-209

PERIOD

☐ PREHISTORIC

☐ 1400-1499

☐ 1500-1599

☐ 1600-1699

☐ 1700-1799

☐ 1800-1899

☒ 1900-

(Ch. 1900)

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC

☐ AGRICULTURE

☒ ARCHITECTURE

☐ ART

☐ COMMERCE

☐ COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING

☐ CONSERVATION

☐ ECONOMICS

☐ EDUCATION

☐ ENGINEERING

☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT

☐ INDUSTRY

☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

☐ LAW

☐ LITERATURE

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSIC

☐ PHILOSOPHY

☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☐ RELIGION

☐ SCIENCE

☐ SCULPTURE

☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN

☐ THEATER

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

8 This house appears to date from the early 20th century and is a typical vernacular period building. There is no known historical significance associated with the structure.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Presentation Assoc

DATE

3/79

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Sharpsburg

STATE

Md.

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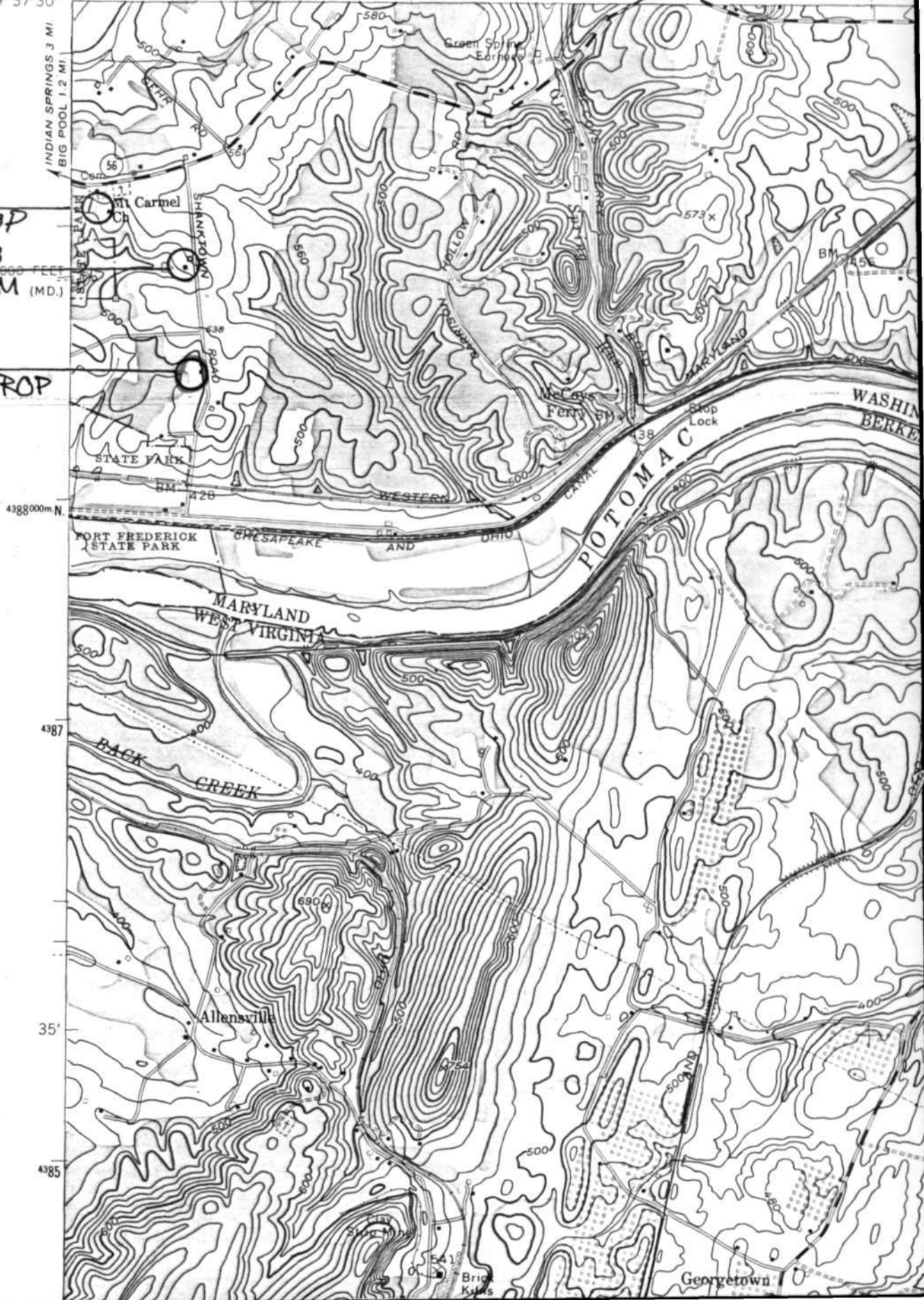
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N. 10. View

Dec. 1978

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